



Arkansas
Arts Council



Empowering Art & Artists
in Arkansas



Advocate for the Arts

Whether expressed in pigment or pencil, movement or music, in one, two or three dimensions, the arts provide a unique window into the humanity of the times. Through that window we can not only look at who we were, but we can see who we are today. It is the mission of the Arkansas Arts Council to advance the arts in Arkansas, giving everyone access to that remarkable window.

By developing arts in education, encouraging community cultural development and supporting artistic excellence, diversity and innovation, the Arkansas Arts Council helps assure that the arts will continue to enrich the lives of Arkansans for generations to come.

Through grantmaking, technical assistance and management consulting services, the staff of the Arkansas Arts Council, along with its 17 council members representing Arkansas's eight development districts, have brought the arts influence to virtually every county in the state.

Committed to Arkansas's Artists

Many important programs administered by the Arkansas Arts Council successfully support and promote the art and artists of Arkansas while at the same time making that art accessible to people of all ages across the state. Technical assistance workshops, individual artist fellowships, special exhibits and much more are available to actively support the work of our many talented artisans. If you are an Arkansas artist, we encourage you to take advantage of the exciting opportunities these programs present.

Arkansas Artists Registry

The registry is a comprehensive archive of visual arts that includes slides of the work of Arkansas artists, their resumes, biographies and other information. The registry is an important tool used in documenting, promoting and marketing art produced by Arkansas artists. Membership is free and open to artists residing in Arkansas.

Arts On Tour Roster

This roster is a listing of professional artists who are available to perform or exhibit in the Arts On Tour program. Artists are accepted for inclusion through an independent panel review process. Artists must have performed or exhibited professionally for at least one year prior to application and have the ability to perform or exhibit beyond their home base. Exciting opportunities await Arts On Tour roster artists, so apply today.

Individual Artist Fellowships

Each year fellowships are awarded to individual artists in recognition of their artistic accomplishment. These fellowships, with a potential of up to \$5,000 each, are awarded to select Arkansas artists, enabling them to devote more time and energy to creating their art and mastering their craft.

Small Works On Paper Exhibition

This annual exhibit showcases the year's best in visual arts by Arkansas artists. As a juried touring exhibit, purchase awards are given at the discretion of the juror, and the exhibit itself tours statewide from January through November.

Strengthening the Bond Between the Arts & Arkansas Citizens

The benefits of the programs and services of the Arkansas Arts Council extend into all aspects of community life, representing a tremendous resource base. From educational programs, to preservation efforts, to individual recognition for excellence, the work of the Arkansas Arts Council is making a difference in the quality of life in communities across the state.

ArtLinks

Each fall the Arkansas Arts Council hosts ArtLinks, its statewide arts conference. Teachers, artists, administrators and others come together for workshops and roundtable discussions on a range of issues relevant to Arkansas's arts community.

Governor's Arts Awards

As part of the ArtLinks conference, individuals and corporations who support the arts through their work or through their patronage are recognized at the Governor's Arts Awards luncheon.

Arts In Education Retreat

The annual retreat is presented for artists, classroom teachers and community organizations and is designed to explore new ways to bring the vitality of the arts to the classroom and integrate the arts into core curriculum or other program areas. Teachers who participate receive in-service credit hours.

Grants Bring the Arts to Schools and Communities Across Arkansas

Grant monies from federal and state sources as well as private contributors make possible the many programs and services of the Arkansas Arts Council.

The diverse programs funded each year through these grants help make the arts flourish in classrooms and public forums throughout the state. If your school or organization has an arts program in mind, chances are we can help you make it happen.

More information on each of the following grant categories can be found on our website, www.arkansasarts.org.

- Arts in Education Grants**
- Arts On Tour Grants**
- Assistance Fund Grants**
- Expansion Arts Grants**
- General Operating Support Grants**
- Project Support Grant Program**
- Public Art Grant Programs**

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For information about the Arkansas Arts Council, visit our website.



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The Arts are at Your Fingertips

For more information about any of the topics you've seen here or to access the Arkansas Artists Registry, we encourage you to visit us on the web at www.arkansasarts.org. Our website has the most current schedule of events and program information available, and it's always accessible at your convenience.

A Valuable Resource for Artists and Others

The Arkansas Arts Council is one of the six state agencies of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and was created by an act of the Arkansas State Legislature in 1971. This state act resulted from federal legislation that created the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities in 1965.



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